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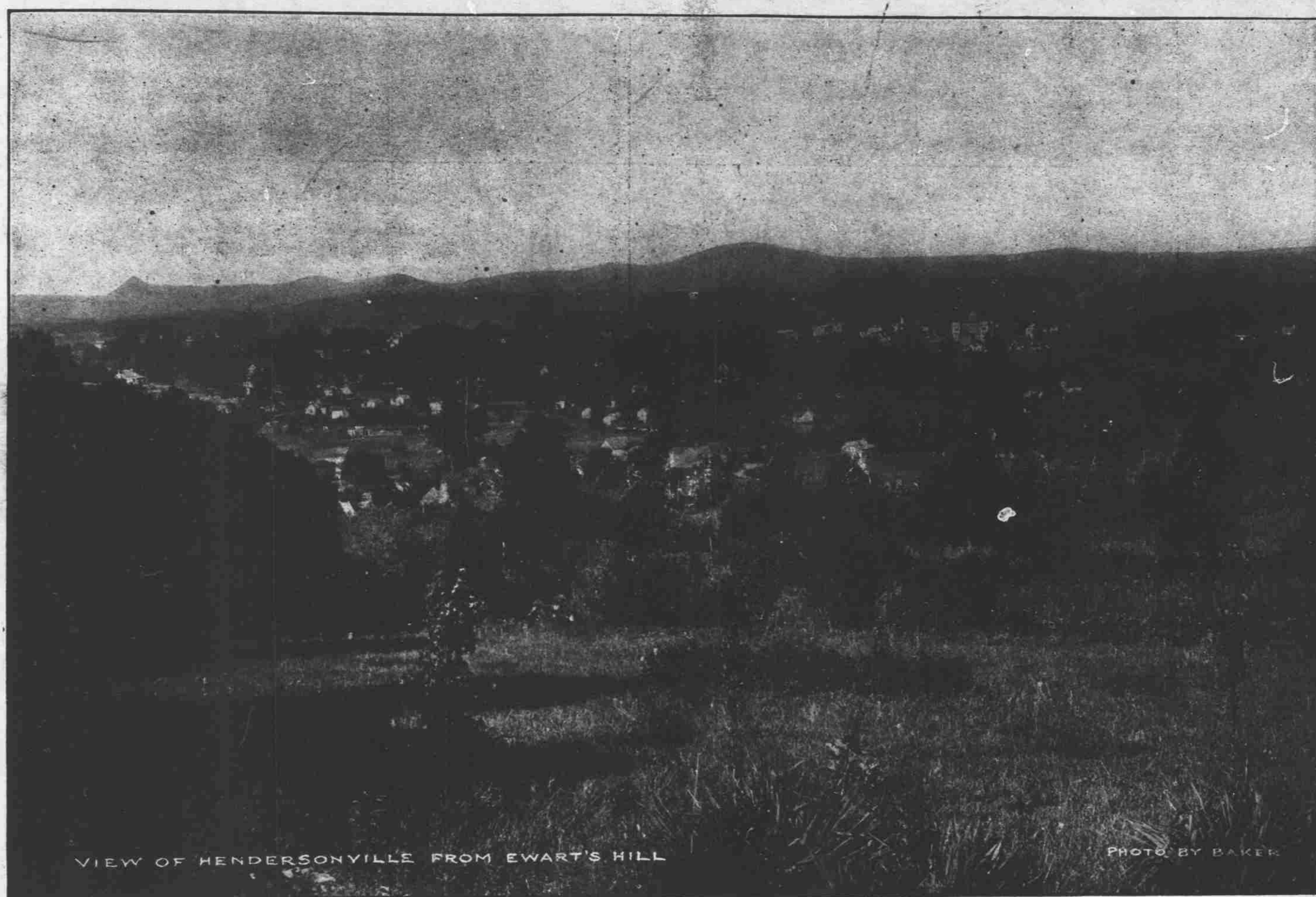
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IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



VIEW OF HENDERSONVILLE FROM EWART'S HILL

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Something About The Finest Town and The Finest Mountain Resort in The South

Hendersonville as a Resort

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TO become a great resort there are several advantages which a town must possess. Among these, are accessibility, climate, scenery and surroundings, facilities for taking care of visitors, places of amusement and good society. Other things being equal that resort will be most popular which is the most accessible. The point that can be reached by the shortest and easiest route with the least fatigue and trouble will

always be more available than the point more difficult of access.

Hendersonville is undoubtedly the most accessible town in the mountains of Western North Carolina, for summer visitors. By the present lines of travel, it is nearer Charlotte and tributary points, Charleston, Columbia, Savannah, Atlanta and all points south and west than any other considerable town in Western North Carolina. As these places and the country surrounding them together with the great southwest are the points from which most of the summer visitors to the mountains come, it can readily be seen what great advantages Hendersonville possesses in this respect.

Hendersonville is both a center and a gateway to all of Western North Carolina. It is the first

important town reached from the south and is the natural stopping place for people visiting the mountains. It also is easily accessible from all points in Western North Carolina. It is at the head of the Transylvania railroad leading to the famous Toxaway Lake and the Sapphire country, which are easily and quickly reached from it. Asheville, Waynesville, and all other noted resorts are within a few hours' ride.

The climate of Hendersonville—like that of all Western North Carolina—is cool in summer, mild in winter. But Hendersonville possesses peculiar advantages of climate over nearby points, which will fully appear from the article on "Climate" in another part of this issue.

The scenery in and around

Hendersonville is unsurpassed by that of any other town or city in the Southern Appalachian Range. The town is 2250 feet above sea level and near the center of an extensive plateau. It has not the inconvenience of being crowded in among the hills with narrow streets and unsightly hollows to the back of the houses; but is built on a beautiful, rolling table land with the blue mountains in full view in every direction but without being near enough to make their harsher outlines prominent and leaves to the people of the town all the conveniences of travel and facilities for getting about possessed by the people of non-mountainous countries.

Hendersonville is almost exactly in the center of the grandest scenery east of the Mississippi river. Fourteen to eighteen miles

to the eastward is Sugar Loaf, from whose summit a large part of two states is discernable. Chimney Rock and Hickory Nut Gap, unsurpassed for the beauty and grandeur of their scenery by any places on the American Continent. Twenty-five miles to the southwest is the famous Caesar's Head, another point of surpassing grandeur. Twenty miles to the north is Biltmore, the Vanderbilt estate and Asheville. To the west is Lake Toxaway and the famous Sapphire country. In the immediate vicinity of Hendersonville is Flat Rock, a quaint resort town, by far the oldest summer resort not only in the South but probably in the entire United States. Osceola Lake, a beautiful body of water with drives two and one-fourth miles around, surrounded by lovely hills; Rhett's Lake, over